

House Bill 5412 "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities"

Dear Energy Committee member,

As a member of the Stafford Energy Advisory Committee I am writing to encourage your support for the bill currently before your committee, House Bill 5412, "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities." Our town of Stafford Springs recently completed a very successful SolarizeCT Express Program, but in the course of the program we learned that many homeowners wanted to have solar on their property, but were unable to for a multitude of reasons, such as shading, wrong roof orientation etc. Many homeowners I spoke with would be interested in participating in a shared solar arrangement if it was available to them. We are rural town with a lot of open space, owned by the town, farmers, private property owners and land trusts that could be interested in hosting a shared solar array.

This act will enable all energy customers to participate in shared clean energy facilities and receive credit on their utility bill for their portion of the clean energy produced.

Passage of the act will benefit renters, condo-owners, and homeowners with tree-shaded or otherwise unsuitable homes and enable them to directly benefit from the state's clean energy programs they contribute into.

It also benefits everyone in the state by reducing the need to run expensive and polluting power plants at peak times when solar works the best.

Thank you,

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